

**PROPOSITION 131**  
**[SCR 1024 - 2022]**

**lieutenant governor; joint ticket**

**ANALYSIS BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Legislative Council Staff Draft**

1            Proposition 131 would amend the Arizona Constitution to create the office of Lieutenant  
2 Governor within the Executive Department. Beginning with the 2026 election, at least sixty days  
3 before the general election, each nominee for Governor would name a Lieutenant Governor to run  
4 on a ticket as a joint candidate with the Governor at the general election.

5            Proposition 131 would amend the Arizona Constitution to provide that the Lieutenant  
6 Governor succeeds to the office of Governor in the event the Governor dies, resigns, is removed  
7 from office or is permanently unable to carry out the duties of the Governor and serves until a  
8 successor is elected. It would also require the Governor to appoint a person to serve as Lieutenant  
9 Governor in the event the Lieutenant Governor dies, resigns, is removed from office or is  
10 permanently unable to carry out the duties of the Lieutenant Governor. The appointment is subject  
11 to approval by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature.

12           Proposition 131 would also amend the Arizona Constitution to provide that the Secretary  
13 of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General and Superintendent of Public Instruction may succeed  
14 to the office of Governor regardless of whether they were elected to their offices. Currently, the  
15 Secretary of State, only if elected, succeeds to the office of Governor, followed in order by the  
16 Attorney General, State Treasurer and Superintendent of Public Instruction, only if elected.

17           In the 2022 legislative session, the Legislature passed a bill that requires the Governor to  
18 appoint the Lieutenant Governor to serve as the Governor's Chief of Staff or the Director of the  
19 Arizona Department of Administration or to fill any position for which the Governor is authorized  
20 by law to make an appointment. This bill does not go into effect unless Proposition 131 is  
21 approved by the voters.